



# WESLEYAN MISSIONARY ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP

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### WMAF FLORIDA AREA MEETING

The former missionaries missionary parents who were They are from left to right: parents serving in Angola; John and Pricilla Edling while (Meeks) Carpenter and born to Ellis and Choloe Grace (McKinney)Paine, born while serving in Mali; Helen Floyd E. and Gracia Banker our privilege to have these

Our Florida Area meeting was attendance. They came from the largest group presently in Brooksville, FL.



pictured here were all born to serving overseas at the time. Dr. John Edling, born to Nancy Edling, born to Dr. serving in Haiti; Mrs. Ruth Virginia (Meeks) Wright, Meeks while serving in India; to Rev. and Mrs. McKinney (Banker) Syswerda, born to while serving in India. It was folks attend our meeting.

blessed with 61 persons in various parts of Florida with living at the Wesleyan Village



Rev. David and Brenda Babcock were with us since they had come to Brooksville to participate in the Wednesday evening monthly Wesleyan Women's missionary service. Dr. Charles Paine gave a report of the recent Centennial Celebration in Rajnandgaon, India. Edna Taylor gave a very interesting report on the current political situation in Haiti. Wayne Wright, Chuck Paine, Dean Phillips, and Harold Johnson blessed us with a quartet. Phil Myers caught us up to date on current happenings in WMAF and reviewed the address data base for WMAF.

### SOME SCENES FROM THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING



Have you had a meeting in your area yet? WHY NOT?



## AUNTIE LOUISE HAS CELEBRATED HER 100<sup>TH</sup>

Rev. E. Louise Van Metre celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 24. A retired minister of the Pacific Southwest District, Rev. Van Metre served as a missionary with the Holiness Church of California in the country of Peru during the 1940's, after which she served as an independent missionary in Mexico and Spain.



She returned to Peru as a Wesleyan Go-Netter, on two occasions, while Rick and Clara West served there. Auntie Louise had an impact on the lives of many Peruvians who later served in leadership in the Church. She is a close friend of Mrs. Luisa Bocanegra, mother of Rev. Fermin Bocanegra, Wesleyan pastor in NC, and Dr. Benjamin Bocanegra, Wesleyan pastor in White Plains,

NY. Just a few years ago, when her health allowed, Miss Van Metre was reaching out to Vietnamese people in her area of Beaumont, Texas.

The WMAF family congratulates Rev. E. Louise Van Metre in a life dedicated to missions.



## WMAF MEMBERS ARE GOIN' AND COMIN'

\*Dr. Robert & Kay Bickert have returned to the Philippines, in April, where they will teach in the several Bible colleges and participate in the annual Skyline District camp meeting.

\*Dr. Chuck & Grace Paine have returned to serve in the Kamakwie hospital in Sierra Leone for a two month period. They will be relieving Dr. Chuck and Ruth Pierson.

## THE ALTON SHEA FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### AND WHEREABOUTS

Alton and Aileen, while living in Houghton, NY, keep busy with LIFE! Alton has been writing, reading, praying, and cooking. Aileen continues to paint "up a storm!" Aileen's brother, Rev. Henry Ortlip, passed away on September 27 and her sister Marjorie Stockin now resides in the Houghton care center.



Front row: Linda, Gabriel, Eli, Luke, and Christy  
Middle row: Paul holding Anna, Eila, Jonathan, Alton, & Aileen  
Back row: Deborah, David, Heidi, Pat, Cheri, & Alan  
The McGees are in Kenya.

Their eldest son, Jonathan, with his wife Pat, serve at the SIM headquarters as Deputy International Director for W. Africa.

Eila, the artist, is head nurse and art teacher at Houghton Academy. She lives at Windy Meadows Estate with music teacher Joy Caldwell.

Paul and Deborah keep busy at Houghton College. Paul is associate professor of Missions and Deb is working in the library and playing her violin again.

Elton has recently published a 75 page booklet called *The Old Pastor And His Bible*. It includes reflections on the Blessed Book colored by life's experiences. He wrote it, "...mostly for family and friends, I will be glad to send it to anyone interested." His address is: Alton & Aileen Shea, 9766 Fancher Drive, Houghton, NY 14744.

## NEWS AND REPORTS

Do you have any pictures or news to report. Please send any news, reports, or pictures to Bob Smith, 22275 Woodlawn Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601-2702 or e-mail: [bobsmith2004@earthlink.net](mailto:bobsmith2004@earthlink.net).

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**



## TWO CANADIAN VETERANS ENTER THEIR

### ETERNAL REWARD



**DR. GLENDON R. KIERSTEAD** went home to be with his Lord on March 25, 2006. He was born 71 years ago in Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, Canada. His grandparents and parents were missionaries from the Reformed Baptist Church in Canada to South Africa. Dr. Kierstead was an ordained Wesleyan minister having served with the church for 20

years in South Africa. He lived in South Africa for a total of 32 years. After coming back to North America he served in the States as school administrator and pastor until his retirement to Brooksville, Florida.

Dr. Kierstead authored two books: *High Mileage for My Model* and *In Retrospect -65 years -The History of the Reformed Baptist Church in South Africa*. His wife Faith remains a resident of Wesleyan Village, Brooksville, FL. The portrait above was drawn by his 13 year old granddaughter Alexis Kierstead.

**MARY (CAMPBELL) SANDERS** recently entered her eternal reward. She was born in 1911 in Nova Scotia and was the widow of the late Rev. Paul Sanders. She set sail for South Africa in July 1947, where she served with the former Reformed Baptist Church, presently The Wesleyan Church. Her assignment was at the Altona Mission in Transvaal, Vryheid, Natal. She married Rev. Paul Sanders in 1955. Paul was the son of Rev. & Mrs. H.C. Sanders, pioneer missionaries of the Reformed Baptist Church. Following Paul's death in 1979, Mary returned to Canada and made her home near her birthplace in Nova Scotia

**REV. ARTHUR JENNINGS CALHOON** will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 12, 2006. There will be a birthday party in Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday, May 13, at Trinity Wesleyan Church, 9709 Allisonville Road, at 1:30 P.M. Then a similar celebration will be held at the Lakeside Wesleyan Church in Anderson, South Carolina, 125 New Prospect Church Road on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M. Cards and greetings may be sent in care of: Dr. Paul and Ruth Faulkenberry, 401 McNeil Avenue, Anderson, SC 29624. Tel. #864-224-2748.

### NOTES FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES

**\*RUSSIA.** Kerry Pickard writes, "One big prayer request is for our Russian Youth Bible Festival (youth camp). It will be held July 30-August 5, 2006. Youth camps have been one of our most effective ministries. Every year we see lives changed and many of our current leaders have come from

our youth camp ministry...Recently a counseling team was in Vladimir. They had a chance to talk with a lot of different people...it sounds like it was really good and that God used them to help many people. There seems to be a new spirit in the Tokareva Church services now. We have been praying for months that God would pour out His Spirit in a new way on the church and it seems He has...Please pray that those whose hearts He touched will remain strong and that the seeds planted will grow."

**\*RUSSIAN NATIONAL LEADER, PASTOR OLEG AND TONYA** (children: Matthew, Mark, Lydia, and Evangelina). Pastor Oleg serves as the pastor of The Wesleyan Church in the city of Ryazan, located four hours south of Vladimir. He is also the chairman of our National Wesleyan Church Board. Oleg is a fiery evangelist and a deep man of God. Please pray that God would continue to keep him humble and grant him discernment, boldness, and compassion as he shepherds the Ryazan church as well as serving the Russian Wesleyan Church at large. **Brian and Cara Burke, missionaries**

**\*INDONESIA.** Keith Norris reports: "I attended the first service of a new church at a complex housing 6 families from Nias Island. These families lost their homes in the March 28<sup>th</sup> (2005) earthquake. The complex is on the outskirts of Medan, the provincial capital of North Sumatera. It consists of 6 apartments, a two-room school building and a church building. Through World Hope these families are now establishing micro-businesses to support themselves. On Nias Island World Hope International is building a Christian high school to both help people recover from the tsunami and earthquake and to help develop the economy of the small island. Two middle schools that were badly damaged are now being renovated. The schools have given World Hope the use of some of the classroom space to begin the high school. This will allow us to open the school next August (2006) while negotiating for some land to build our own campus. The school will be a vocational school with a two-fold goal: (1) to train students in a trade so they can better support themselves, and (2) to evangelize and disciple the students so they will truly follow Christ...The school superintendent and his wife are graduates from our Wesleyan Bible College in Magelang, Central Java."

**\*CHILE.** "We rejoice with **District Superintendent Carlos Martinez**, who reports that his daughter Acsa Jireh and niece Damaris were among 21 people recently baptized. One of the young men who was baptized has been a real blessing in that after two years since he accepted Christ, he wanted to be baptized again. He is being used of the Lord in our Children's ministries. In some of our children's crusades he has been the preacher and many children have accepted Christ. Let's pray that many more children will open their hearts to the Lord in the Osorno area of southern Chile."

**\*PAPUA NEW GUINEA.** Jim Keilholtz writes: "God wonderfully answered prayer for our National Conference. We had a wonderful time praying in partnership—a person from one tribe praying with a person from a different tribe. Pastors, in humbleness, asked for prayer and anointing."



## PRAISE NOTES...

### FROM AROUND THE WORLD

\*The Wesleyan Church in East India is growing in spite of social and economic troubles. Current statistics show 35 churches with 2083 members, 16 ministers, and 66 lay workers in 5 districts.

\*Jean Trennepohl, Kosovo, was spared serious injury when a young lady backed her car out of the garage and then lost control hitting Jean. The car struck her legs. Her left shoulder, elbow, and hand had abrasions and she bled considerably from the wounds to her forehead. Praise the Lord she doesn't have any broken bones. And now she has a new friend...the girl who was driving the car!

\*Karis People prayer requests for: Natiq and Naila; Aysun, due to deliver her 3<sup>rd</sup> child; Sona, Elnur, and Xanim, Sima and Resul; pray for Gulnara, whose father recently passed away. She and her family are not believers.

\*Julienne Keilholtz coming from language study thought her bike had been stolen. Bike stealing is a common occurrence here. The next day she went to class she discovered her bike properly locked! After the police cut the new lock, two lady staff members confessed they had found her bike and had put a new lock on it. Now she had to tell her friends that her bike had not been stolen after all. She writes: "I may have a little egg on my face, but I have angels watching over me and my bike!"

\* Cora Gorman writes: "The Indonesian Conversation Club, of which I am a member, celebrated 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a language competition. I missed winning 1<sup>st</sup> prize by ½ point! To my delight, my former classmate, Suriname's 1<sup>st</sup> ambassador to Indonesia, presented me with an engraved trophy and bouquet of orchids! I have enjoyed developing relationships with Surinamese Javanese Muslims. Recently I shared my testimony of divine healing with the club and several commented on it afterwards. Two new embassy staff families have moved to Suriname, and their wives joined the club. One family is Catholic, and recently hosted the Club in their home. This made a very positive impression! Please pray that Christ will be seen in those of us naming His name, and that we will be His ambassadors to our Muslim friends.

## MEET GLENN AND JANICE BARNETT



Glenn Barnett was born in Massillon, Ohio. Janice was born in Toledo, Ohio. In 1947 they were united in marriage. Glenn and Janice are graduates of Houghton College.

They began their missionary service in the country of Haiti. Following 12 years plus 8 years in deputation, they then served for one year in the West African nation of Nigeria.

When they first moved to Florida they lived in New Port Richey where Janice taught school and Glenn worked for St. Luke's Eye Clinic. It was about two years ago that they moved to Wesleyan Village in Brooksville, FL.

Both Glenn and Janice have been active in the Brooksville Wesleyan Church, singing in the choir and serving on various committees. They have also been active in the Monday evening Missionary Prayer Meeting. Janice, for over a year, has been corresponding with missionaries via E-mail, receiving up-to-the-minute reports. These fresh requests have provided the group with urgent prayer requests from the hearts of our missionaries.

While this is being written, Janice is in a local hospital desperately needing our prayer support.

**CONTINUED PRAYER SUPPORT** is needed for our missionaries who need support before they can go to the field of their appointment. Will you join us in prayer?

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